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FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES INTENT TO USE DELEGATED
AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE MEDICAL HUB
AGREEMENT WITH L.A. CARE HEALTH PLAN**

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On September 1, 2009, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in conjunction with the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Public Social Services (DPSS), to report back in 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, on progress on the following items:

1) Working with the Medi-Cal Managed Care health plans to establish contracts for reimbursement for Medical Hub forensic examinations for pre-detained and non-detained children involved in the child welfare system; 2) working with the California Departments of Health and Social Services on carving out reimbursement to the County for Medical Hub forensic medical examinations at the federal Medi-Cal Share of Cost level, similar to the State's agreements with school-based clinics; and 3) evaluating the feasibility of systematically accessing alternative State emergency/temporary Medi-Cal eligibility programs, such as the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway Program, for children not already enrolled in Medi-Cal.

The final quarterly report was submitted to your Board on September 29, 2011, and a copy of that report is attached for your reference. As indicated, DHS informed your Board that we were progressively working with L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) to establish a contract for reimbursement for Medical Hub forensic evaluations and initial medical exams provided to L.A. Care members.

We are pleased to confirm that we have reached a final agreement with L.A. Care.

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In order to implement the reimbursement process, DHS will proceed under existing authority delegated to the Department by your Board. On November 15, 2011, your Board authorized the Director of Health Services or his designee, to negotiate and execute provider services agreements with health plans, Independent Physician Associations (IPAs), medical groups, and other payors for their members to obtain direct access to hospital and ambulatory care services at County hospitals or clinics.

DHS will be exercising the delegated authority to amend the Participating Provider Agreement (PPA) between DHS and L.A. Care (Contract No. H704704) to include Medical Hub services under Amendment No. 5 to be effective April 1, 2012. L.A. Care will reimburse DHS for Medical Hub services provided to L.A. Care Medi-Cal members retroactive to October 2010. DHS will monitor the revenue received under this agreement and report back to your Board in six months.

We appreciate the effort of L.A. Care and its Plan Partners in recognizing the contribution of the DHS Medical Hubs in providing this service to children covered under the L.A. Care Medi-Cal Managed Care Program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Cheri Todoroff, at (213) 240-8272 or via e-mail at ctodoroff@dhs.lacounty.gov.

Attachment

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